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THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE AMBASSADOR
IN JAPAN (GREW)

Excerpts.

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"At the end of June and during July of this year Japanese-sponsored authorities introduced in portions of China new economic measures and restrictions detrimental to American interests, and there occurred a series of incidents involving Japanese and American nationals. During this period there has been carried on intermittently agitation directed against American interest which has taken the form of mass meetings and demonstrations by Japanese residents and an inflammatory press campaign in the Japanese-controlled press. There were also developments in Japan which have raised questions as to the welfare and security of American nationals residing in that country.

Developments at Shanghai have been of an especially serious character.

At that place, acts of terrorism have been committed against reputable American citizens and established American interests, as well as against other nationals and other interests, and a judge of one of the courts established by international agreement, to which the Government of the United States is a party, has been assassinated. Newspapers subject to Japanese control have been conducting an anti-American and anti-foreign campaign, the inflammatory character of which could not but affect prejudicially peace and order.

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The Government of the United States has made due note of and is taking due account of those acts and developments which affect adversely interests of the United States and its nationals.

An illustrative list of recent restrictions and incidents is appended."

The summary of recent illustrative developments and incidents affecting adversely interests of the United States and of its nationals, which I also handed to him, included the following:

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Establishment in North China on June 28 of full import exchange control.

Assault on July 4 at Chafoo on members of the American Presbyterian Mission by Japanese armed soldiers;

July 7 incident at Shanghai involving American Marines and Japanese gendarmes, including reference to restraint and good will shown by American authorities in attempting to effect reasonable adjustment and to the intemperate tone and language of communications from the concerned Japanese authorities;

The refusal since about July 8 of Japanese military authorities of Shanghai to issue permits for shipments by American firms to the hinterland and Yangtze Valley;

Mass meeting on July 10 in Hongkow in connection with the July 7 incident, reported intemperate statements by the commander of the Japanese naval landing party, and sensational and inciting articles published in Japanese-controlled newspapers;

The demand of the Nanking regime for the deportation from Shanghai of six Americans and one British subject, the throwing of bombs at a Chinese language newspaper in which an American claims an interest, and the assassination of Samuel Chang;

Tang Liang-li's reputed letter in the North China Daily News of July 16 and a foreign newspaper commentator's interpretation thereof as a threat to kidnap if not to murder the Americans and Briton concerned;

A report of July 19 from Shanghai that an American missionary woman at Soochow had been searched in a humiliating and insulting manner by a Japanese sentry;

An anti-American demonstration on July 19 at Hangchow by Japanese in uniform riding in Japanese military trucks;

Attack on July 20 at Shanghai on Hollett Abend;

The appeal on July 20 of the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council to the Consular Body, the public criticism of the appeal by the Japanese Consul General, and the attempt of the Japanese Consul General to cause the Consular Body to indicate in a resolution that "Chungking elements" were responsible for all terrorism in Shanghai;

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The receipt on July 23 by the American Consul at Shanghai of a telegram from Amagasaki demanding apologies and withdrawal of American forces from China;

The demand of the Nanking regime, reported July 23, for the arrest of a large number of Chinese in the Settlement, deportation of certain foreigners, and closing down of foreign newspapers published in the Settlement and newspaper threats that the regime will take over Settlement police rights;

The arrest on July 27 in Tokyo of a number of British subjects, the death of Cox, the arrest and detention of Morin, and the subsequent press warning to foreign correspondents;

The assassination of Judge Chien on July 29 in Shanghai;

A report of July 31 that instructions had been issued to Shanghai representatives of Japanese newspapers to look for stories on which anti-American articles might be based:

The assassination on August 2 of a White Russian employed by an American firm, the kidnaping of a Chinese coal dealer on the same day, and the publication of anti-American articles in a Japanese-controlled paper.

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國務長官代理ヨリ在日本大使館ニシテ

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ワシントン 昭和十五年八月九日午後八時

今年六月下旬及七月間ニ日本ヨリ支持サシ當局ニ支那各地ニ米國利益ヲ犯ス所ナル新ニ經濟上收束ト制限ト施行セリ而シテソレハ日本及米國人含ニ連シ事件ヲ惹起セリ此間日本居留民ニ依ル大集會又示威形式及日本人ニ依リテ統制サタル新聞ニ依ル煽動的新聞戰形式ヲ取リ米國利益ニ對シ向ケニシテ絶間ニキ煽動行ハタリ又日本ニ於テモ事件發生ヨリ同國在住米國國民福祉ト安寧ニ關スル疑問ニ生ゼタリ

上海ニ於テ發生セルモノ特ニ重大ナル性格ヲ持シ同地ニ於テハテロ行為カ他國利益ニ對シ行ハレト同様令名ル米國市民及確立セリタル米國利益ニ對シ行ハタリ而シテ合衆國モ參加セル國際協定ヨリ創立セル法廷ニ或名裁判官暗殺サタリ日本統制下新聞又米國又外國論戰ヲ展開シ煽動的性格平和秩序ニ有害ナル影響ヲ與ザルヲ得ザリキ合衆國政府然ルベク覺悟ヲナシ且合衆國及該國民利益ニ不利ナル影響ヲ與ルニ行爲及發展然ルベク重視シテ最近制限事項及他事件ヲ説明スル表ヲ附シ

合衆國及該國民利益ニ相又ル影響ヲ與フタル最近顯著ナル發展及事件ヲ概括シモ亦余ガ彼ニ手文ニカテモ包含ス

即北支ニ於ル六月二十日完全輸入爲替統制制定

六月四日芝罘ニ於ル米國長老教會傳導便達ニ對スル日本武裝兵ノ攻撃

七月七日上海ニ於ル米國海兵隊ト日本憲兵トノ衝突ナル事件穩固ナル調整ヲ行ヒトスル米國當局ニ依リテ示サラル抑制ト善意及日本關係當局ヲ連絡シ乱暴ナル音調ト言葉ニ對スル参照會

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上海、日本軍當局、七月八日頃以後、米國會社ニ依ル奥地及黃河流域、貨物積込ノ許可ヲ與フルコトニ對スル拒絕。

六月七日、事件ト關聯セル七月十日、虹口ニ於ル大集會、日本海軍陸戰隊司令官ニ依ル亂暴ナル聲明、又日本統制下、新聞ニ依リテ發表カタル煽動的刺戟的ナル論說、報告。

上海ヨリ六人、米國人一人、英國氏ヲ追放スルコトニ對スル南京政府、要求。一、米國人ガ利益ヲ有スル支那語新聞ハ投彈及ビサラム張、暗殺。

七月十六日、北支母日ニス、(China Daily news)紙、湯良禮有名ナル紙及外國新聞解説者、右關係米國人及英國人ヲ被害セザル迄誘拐スルコトアルベシト脅迫セルモノアリト、解説。

蘇州、米國婦人宣教師ガ日本、苛情ニ依リテ屈辱的且無禮トル取調法ニ調ベラレタリト言フ七月十九日、上海ヨリ、報告。

七月十九日杭州ニ於ル日本軍隊、エルクニ乘リテ制服ヲ着用セル日本人ニル及米國示威行進。

七月二十日上海ニ於ルハートマンニテ襲撃。

上海、市參事會、會長ガ領事團ニ七月二十日告許セシコト日本總領事ニル告許世評及重慶的要素、上海ニ於ル總領事、テロニ對シテ責任アリト言フ決意ヲ領事團ヲ示セシメタル日本總領事、企圖。

陳謝、米國軍、支那ヨリ、撤退ヲ要求スルアガサヨリ電報ヲ上海、米國領事ニリ受理セシコト。

居留地ニ於ル多教支那人、逮捕或外國人連、追放及居留地ニ於テ發行カタル外國新聞、閉鎖ニ對スル七月二十三日報告、南京政府、要求及該政府ガ居留地警察權ヲ讓リ受ケムラント、新聞、威嚇。

七月二十七日東京ニ於ル多教英國臣民、捕縛、ニクス、北モリ、捕縛及拘留、而シテハニ次ク外國通信員ニ對スル新聞警告。

七月二十九日上海ニ於ル全判事、暗殺。

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日本、新聞、上海、代表者達ニ反米國的論說、基礎トナルキ語ヲ
探セト云々指圖ヲ發セリ、名トノ七月三十一日、報告
八月日米國、會社ニ歸シユクル一白系露人、暗殺同日支那、石炭商
人、誘拐、而シテ日本統制下ニル新聞、反米國論說、發表

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